

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5616

---

## AN ACT

To require reporting regarding accreditation of basic training programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “DHS Basic Training  
3 Accreditation Improvement Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON BASIC TRAINING PROGRAMS OF**  
5 **THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

6 (a) ANNUAL REPORTING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
8 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually  
9 thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
10 report to the relevant congressional committees on  
11 the accreditation status for each basic training pro-  
12 gram within the Department of Homeland Security,  
13 including information relating to the following:

14 (A) The date on which each such program  
15 achieved initial accreditation, or in the case of  
16 a program that is not currently accredited, the  
17 reasons for not obtaining or maintaining ac-  
18 creditation, the activities, if any, taken to  
19 achieve accreditation, and an anticipated  
20 timeline for accreditation of such program.

21 (B) The date each such program most re-  
22 cently received accreditation or reaccreditation,  
23 if applicable.

24 (C) Each such program’s anticipated ac-  
25 creditation or next reaccreditation date.

1 (D) The name of the accreditation man-  
2 ager for each such program.

3 (2) TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIRE-  
4 MENT.—Annual reports under paragraph (1) shall  
5 terminate when all basic training programs of the  
6 Department of Homeland Security are accredited.

7 (b) LAPSE IN ACCREDITATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—If a basic training program  
9 of the Department of Homeland Security loses ac-  
10 creditation, the head of the relevant component of  
11 the Department shall notify the Secretary of Home-  
12 land Security not later than 30 days after such loss.

13 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30  
14 days after receiving a notification pursuant to para-  
15 graph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
16 notify the relevant congressional committees of the  
17 lapse in accreditation at issue, the reason for such  
18 lapse, and the activities underway and planned to re-  
19 gain accreditation.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) ACCREDITATION.—The term “accredita-  
22 tion” means the recognition by a board that a basic  
23 training program is administered, developed, and de-  
24 livered according to an applicable set of standards.

1           (2) ACCREDITATION MANAGER.—The term “ac-  
2           creditation manager” means the individual assigned  
3           by the component of the Department of Homeland  
4           Security to manage accreditation activities for a  
5           basic training program.

6           (3) BASIC TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term  
7           “basic training program” means an entry level pro-  
8           gram of the Department of Homeland Security that  
9           is transitional to law enforcement service, provides  
10          training on critical competencies and responsibilities,  
11          and is typically a requirement for appointment to a  
12          law enforcement service job or job series.

13          (4) REACCREDITATION.—The term “reaccredi-  
14          tation” means the assessment of a basic training  
15          program after initial accreditation to ensure the con-  
16          tinued compliance with an applicable set of stand-  
17          ards.

18          (5) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
19          TEES.—The term “relevant congressional commit-  
20          tees” means the Committee on Homeland Security  
21          and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of  
22          Representatives and the Committee on Homeland  
23          Security and Governmental Affairs and the Com-  
24          mittee of the Judiciary of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

2       The Under Secretary for Science and Technology of  
3 the Department of Homeland Security shall carry out re-  
4 search and development of systems and technologies to en-  
5 hance access to training offered by the Federal Law En-  
6 forcement Training Centers to State, local, Tribal, and  
7 territorial law enforcement, with particular attention to  
8 law enforcement in rural and remote communities, for the  
9 purpose of enhancing domestic preparedness for and col-  
10 lective response to terrorism and other homeland security  
11 threats.

      Passed the House of Representatives March 7,  
2022.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

---

---

**H. R. 5616**

**AN ACT**

To require reporting regarding accreditation of basic training programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.